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COUNTRY Austria REPORT NO. (M11)TOPIC Soviet Occupation Forces Being Indoctrinated in Foreign Armies

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1. The units of the Soviet Occupation Forces of Austria, down to the enlisted personnel, have been given intensive indoctrination in the organization and equipment of the American and British Armies since April 1950.
2. Instructors in charge of the program emphasize that the blunders of World War II must not be repeated. Although quantities of German bazookas were captured, Soviet troops had been unable to operate them. The knowledge of enemy equipment is imperative, as troops in the field should not be entirely dependent on their own supplies.
3. The program emphasizes knowledge of American weapons, since these are considered standard equipment of the European armies in any future war. The schooling is designed to teach the Soviet soldiers how to use American machine guns, mortars, antitank weapons and mines.
4. The indoctrination also includes propaganda against the American Army, which is depicted as ill-organized and possessing little combat efficiency.
5. The following Soviet documents or copies of them were obtained:
  - a. Copybook of Lieutenant Tikhonov, (fnu), containing notes on: organization of the US Army chemical services; organization of a US infantry squad; organization and strength of an infantry company; organization and equipment of a US infantry platoon; organization, strength and

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equipment of a US heavy weapons company, and organization and strength of a US infantry battalion.

- b. Copy of an article by Lieutenant Colonel M. Georgiyev on US Army methods of mining an area, quoting Major Theodore C. Chard's Elements of Ammunition, 1946, New York; the June 1945 copy of Military Engineer, (N 236), and other publications. The purpose of the article is to familiarize Soviet personnel with US Army methods of mine laying, and US Army mines.
- c. Copy of an article by N. Petrov, on US methods of joint action by several branches of services in offensive combat, quoting US Army field service regulations (FM 100-5, 1944).
- d. Copy of an article by N. Vladov on the ideological influence on British Army troops. \*

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\* [REDACTED] Comment. Several Soviet documents of 1948 and 1949 indicated that Soviet officers were indoctrinated in foreign armies. It is doubted, however, that enlisted personnel also receive such schooling, since no other reports on the subject are available. The articles mentioned were presumably copied from the Soviet periodical Voyenni Vestnik, which frequently runs articles by Gds Lieutenant Perov (not Petrov), headlined "In Foreign Armies." See Annexes for original documents.

4 Annexes Soviet documents

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